

## Michelle Obama To Campaign at UMW Today

By BULLET STAFF

Students lined up Tuesday morning from Lee Hall to Seacobeck Dining Hall for the chance to see First Lady Michelle Obama's speech on Thursday.

Doors open at 2:30 p.m. and the event is open to the public. Tickets are required for entry to the event and were given out on a first-come, first-serve basis outside of Lee Hall near Ball Circle. Additional tickets were passed out at 10 a.m. on Wednesday.

The release states that tickets do not guarantee admission.

According to the Obama for America press office, Michelle Obama will discuss "what's at stake in this election for Virgini-

ans and encourage them to help organize their communities between now and November."

Hannah Mason, a junior psychology and English double major, is enthusiastic about the speech.

"I think it's exciting because this is going to be the first presidential election I can vote in and I am going to be involved in history," said Mason. "[Michelle Obama] is a real role model, not just a celebrity."

The University warned that those who are admitted to the event should anticipate airport-like security and that additional security measures will be in place on campus. Cameras are permitted at the event, but ticket-holders are encouraged to bring

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Students could get tickets for Michelle Obama's speech from the campaign beginning at 10 a.m. on Wednesday.

## University Implements Honors Program

By MOLLY HODGES

Incoming academically advanced undergraduates at the University of Mary Washington are the first to benefit from the UMW Honors Program, which is new to the university this year.

UMW's website says that participating students "have the opportunity to engage in rigorous honors-designated coursework, interdisciplinary seminars, strong internship experiences, extended research and creative projects and intriguing community service endeavors."

The College of Arts and Sciences Strategic Plan designated the honors program as a priority.

The UMW Strategic Plan "identifies strategic goals and objectives for grounding our decisions, guiding our resource al-

locations, directing our efforts and determining our progress over the next five to eight years," according to the UMW website.

According to Kelli Slunt, director of the UMW Honors Program, honors courses are designed to be challenging, although this does not necessarily mean more assignments for students. Instead, these courses are research-focused and place an emphasis on in-depth discussions in the classroom.

Seventy-three students are part of the honors program this year, but Slunt said the goal is to decrease that number to 50 in the future.

"Next year, we're going to have to be a little bit more selective in the offers that we make

for the program," said Slunt.

Prospective students must have a weighted high school GPA of at least 3.9, have received a combined score of 1,200 for the math and verbal sections of the SATs and must have taken part in a rigorous high school curriculum. This is evaluated based on the number of AP or IB courses taken.

Honors students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.2. They are required to complete at least six credits of honors courses per year. Additionally, they must attend at least eight co-curricular events, such as specific academic field trips or lectures, prior to graduation.

The UMW Honors Program is unique in the fact that participating students are not housed

together in a specific dormitory.

The Student Government Association felt very strongly about this issue, according to Slunt.

"It was mainly because Mary Washington's such a close-knit environment, they didn't want to isolate them and wanted them to feel part of the Mary Washington community," said Slunt.

Richard Finkelstein, the dean of arts and sciences, was tasked with establishing an honors program.

According to the Honors Program Proposal, Finkelstein was to create an honors program that could be used as a basis for admission by the fall 2012 semester.

When asked about how her acceptance into the honors program influenced her decision to

enroll at UMW, freshman July Laszakovits said, "It was definitely a reason to come here."

Senior Molly Pardoe said of the honors program, "It will help me to be proud, after I graduate, of the school."

Students may apply to the honors program in the spring of their freshman year, and will be accepted based on space availability.

Non-honors students can take a maximum of four honors classes, which will count toward their graduation requirements. This limitation is in place to ensure availability for honors students.

The honors office will be located in duPont 210 and a study space will be available exclusively for honors students.

## Pamela White Elected Rector

By COLLEEN HUBER

Judge Pamela White was named rector of the University of Mary Washington Board of Visitors after the BOV members voted during their annual retreat in July 2012.

White, a 1974 UMW graduate, succeeds Daniel Steen, a 1984 graduate of UMW and a current member of the BOV.

"I am proud of my B.A. degree from Mary Washington, where I gained a solid foundation for law school, a successful legal career and a lifetime of learning," said White.

After graduating from UMW, White attended law school at Washington and Lee University. She has served on the Board of Trustees at WLU, according to Martin Wilder, clerk of the BOV.

"She is very experienced as a board member and a very loyal and supportive alumna," said Wilder.

White became a member of the BOV in July 2009 after former Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine appointed her. White served as vice rector during that time and intends to ask Gov. McDonnell for a reappointment in July 2013.

"I am committed to support and promote the University as a premier liberal arts and sciences institution," said White.

As the rector, White is the

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Courtesy of UMW  
Pamela White.



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A view of the Alvey Parking Garage. Students can eventually park in more areas on campus.

## Administration Hopes to Expand Parking by Spring

By SARAH TAGG

The Fredericksburg City Council recently approved a special-use permit which adds 47 new parking spots for students, faculty and staff to College Avenue.

In an August 2012 issue of EagleEye, the faculty newsletter, the UMW faculty and staff were informed of the permit. This permit allows the UMW Foundation to expand the parking lot on the property adjacent to the heating plant off College Avenue.

"Construction on campus creates challenges with access and parking," said Erma Baker, assistant vice president for business services and chief purchasing officer to UMW.

To prepare for the construction of the new student center, the UMW Foundation scouted

for a location close to campus to build additional parking spaces. The parking lot will take the place of Chandler Hall's parking lot, which will be demolished once the campus student center construction begins at a later date, according to a special-use application to the City Council.

The UMW Foundation, under the leadership of Transitional Properties, L.C.C., the construction company in charge of the property, is scheduled to tear down three university-owned buildings. Two are located on Thornton Street, and the third is on Powhatan Street.

According to documents obtained by the *Bullet*, the UMW Foundation requested permission from the Fredericksburg City Council to build the parking

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## BEAT

By ALISON THOET

### Sept. 3

Campus Police responded to a grand larceny from a car on Double Drive that occurred between 7 p.m. on Sept. 3 and 2:15 p.m. on Sept. 4. The case is pending.

### Sept. 5

Campus Police reported a student in possession of marijuana on the third floor of Eagle Landing at 11:56 p.m. One administrative referral was given.

### Sept. 6

Campus Police responded to a case of assault and battery on the second floor of Arrington Hall between

6:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. One administrative referral was given but the victim to prosecute.

### Sept. 7

Campus Police reported a student drunk in public in the lobby of Eagle Landing at 2 p.m. One arrest was made and an administrative referral was given.

Campus Police responded to a case of assault and battery on the third floor of Eagle Landing at 2 a.m. One arrest was made by the Spotsylvania Police Dept. and a trespass notice was given by UMW Campus Police.

This information was compiled with help from UMW Police Office Manager James DeLoatch and Fredericksburg Police Department Public Information Officer Natatia Bledsoe.

# First Lady to Discuss Grassroots Campaign in Anderson Center

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as few items as possible.

According to an email from university relations, the University will take several steps to minimize any disruptions on campus.

Additionally, the email states that the Anderson Center parking lot will be closed starting midnight on Wednesday, Sept. 12 until 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13. The Eagle Landing Balcony will also be closed on Thursday,

Sept. 13 from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Eagle Village will have a designated parking area for visitors, and the top floor of the Alvey parking deck will be handicapped parking only from midnight Wednesday, Sept. 12 until Thursday at 6 p.m. The Jepson parking lot will also be designated for handicapped drop-off, although the lot will still be open during the day for faculty and staff, according to the email.

Emily Oresick, a junior biol-

ogy major, has a different point of view about the event.

"They are taking away people's parking, which I don't think is right," said Oresick.

President of the Young Democrats, Ally Blanck, a senior political science major, said, "The Young Democrats are very excited to have Michelle Obama come and speak, and [we] are looking forward to the event."

College Republicans Chairman Elizabeth Brennan, a senior English major, said, "We think

it's great that the Mary Washington community is being noticed in national politics, and we hope that students at UMW become more politically engaged on both sides."

Originally, Michelle Obama was scheduled to visit UMW in July. However, her visit was cancelled after the shooting in Aurora, Co.

This report was compiled by Alison Thoet, Colleen Huber and Alex Van Beek.

# Mixed Reactions To Orientation Change This Year

By STEPHANIE TIPPLE

Incoming students to the University of Mary Washington were treated to an orientation full of events and new traditions to welcome them to the university.

In an effort to help the students connect to the campus, orientation leaders used Facebook to contact new students and start an open dialogue for questions and comments.

"Orientation leaders are fantastic and have handled everything, minor and major problems, so well," said Ally Blanck, a senior political science major, as well as a three-time orientation leader and coordinator.

One of the biggest events of the orientation was the Eagle Gathering, a new tradition in which students formed a candlelit procession, led by SGA President Jeremy Thompson and Honor Council President Zandi Larmour.

The candle lighting itself is symbolic and a part of UMW's identity, as the torch of knowledge is emblazoned on the institutional seal.

Students then gathered on Ball Circle to hear President Rick Hurley speak about UMW's values.

"Eagle Gathering is a ceremony, a rite of passage for new students where we, as a university, can show our support and care for students in a unique and meaningful way," said Doug Searcy, vice president of student affairs. "It is also our hope that an intimate ceremony, such as Eagle Gathering, will help further establish key institutional values and priorities."

According to Searcy, the Welcome Week model currently in place will still be used for the coming years, but UMW plans to offer incoming students a summer orientation, where students and their families can spend a night together on campus in June, when many of the information sessions will be hosted.

Victoria Hansen, a freshman transfer student, attended many of the orientation events.

"It was a great way to meet other people. We did a lot of things, and it was really good that they had so many activities for transfer students," said Hansen.

While the planned schedule of events from this year's orientation greatly resembles last year's, the University was actually able to implement all of the events because there were no weather problems or natural disasters, like the earthquake last year.

Freshman Brittany Cohen was critical to some of the activities for orientation week.

"I liked the 'play fair' best," said Cohen. "I didn't really like the back-to-back lectures though. They were entertaining but really long."

Searcy hopes freshmen orientation week will have a lasting impact on new students.

"We would like them to walk away from the ceremony and realize that something important just happened, something they will see as a marker highlighting UMW's supportive environment as well as high expectations for engagement, academic excellence, and honor that can be found throughout our campus community," said Searcy.

# Online Platform Developed for Teacher Usage

By CHARLOTTE RODINA

The University of Mary Washington's "Teacher's Spot" is an online forum encouraging new and experienced teachers to share ideas, offer support and give guidance in the education field.

Teresa Coffman, associate professor at the College of Education, as well as a leader in the creation and a promoter of "Teacher's Spot," said that, "this site provides a professional community for new teachers."

Though the site is mostly filled with conversations among UMW graduate students of education, permanent teachers and UMW faculty, anyone interested in teaching or learning about education is welcome to join in on the discussions, according to Coffman.

The site is intended for both, "peer evaluation and mentor evaluation," Coffman said.

Additionally, the site features tools that can help new teachers. One such tool is "webinar," a web seminar where experts in education can share ideas about good classroom practices.

In the forum section of the site, teachers and future teachers talk, share lesson plans and discuss subjects such as various approaches to working with special education and gifted students.

Janine Davis, assistant pro-

fessor of education, is new to both UMW and the site. Davis said, "I am planning to use ["Teacher's Spot"] to upload student videos and exemplary lesson plans so that other students can use the site as a resource for lesson planning."

Davis is in the process of collecting videos from her Advanced Pedagogy course. These videos will have "instructional models" that help with organizing teaching content.

Another tool on the site is called "audio chats," which is a library of pre-recorded faculty lectures on anything from "Literacy Coaching" to "English as a Second Language."

Though Amanda Manno, a graduate education student, had never heard of "Teacher's Spot," she said, "It seems like a good resource. I'm excited to take a look at it."

Users of the site also have access to outside resources aimed specifically at teachers and "hints" for smoothly running a smooth classroom.

Coffman stated that the site is still in its preliminary stages of development, but she is hopeful that the site will expand with time.

"As more and more voices get involved, they will help evolve [the site] and make it grow," Coffman said.

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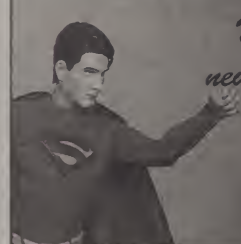


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# Viewpoints

## Forget 'How We Think,' It's What We Do

Some of the first things students noticed upon returning to campus this semester, aside from the shift in construction from one side of campus to the other, were the new, slogan-clad banners, featuring University of Mary Washington students as poster children.

Bearing phrases such as, "(No apologies) it's how I think," "change your mind" and "it's a yes-brainer," these banners portray UMW as a place that encourages students to use their intellectual capabilities to form well-reasoned opinions and viewpoints.

The University takes the message further with its tagline, "Where great minds get to work."

It is up to the students to put these ideals into practice.

As 2012 is shaping up to be an extremely influential and politically-charged year for the United States, it is as important as ever that college-aged citizens claim their voice in the future of the nation.

Saying, "I'm just in college," is not an excuse for social, polit-

ical or professional apathy or irresponsibility.

As educated young adults, we have a responsibility to take part in the world around us and not get caught up in the "campus bubble."

It will not be long before we are emerging on the job and housing markets. Healthcare, the environment and international affairs will have even greater effects on our generation than they did on our parents'. We cannot afford to wait to get involved in the future of our country.

College is an environment designed to foster experimentation and form well-reasoned, personal opinions as well as a safe place to respectfully hear and debate the opinions of others. It is not an excuse to act irresponsibly or demean the opinions of others.

Let us shed our apathy and actually strive to live up to the ideals that UMW so proudly displays all over campus and put our unapologetic, open minds to work to make our world a better place.

**STAFF**  
**EDITORIAL**

## Letter to the Editor:

*Bill Nye correct in accusing creationism of being a scientific roadblock*

To begin, we would like to clarify Bill Nye's statement regarding creationism, as the author seems to have misunderstood his intentions. Nye was referring to Young Earth Creationism (YEC), an idea that stems from Biblical literalism: that the Earth is only 6,000 years old and that a creator formed all life in its present form. It is YEC that is an affront to evolution because it touts the belief that all life is in its original form, making it inherently incompatible with evolution and mainstream science.

Secondly, we would like to express our opinions regarding creationism as a substitute for science, as sanctioned by the author. Nye is quoted in the article as stating that we as a country need scientifically literate voters, because having "a portion of the population that doesn't believe in [evolution]...holds everybody back." The author then asks, "From what, exactly?"

That answer is from progress. It is true that we do not know the answer to all questions, but when we fill our ignorance with "God-did-it," we stop looking for an answer.

The beauty of science, however, is that it is always searching for a solution. We should never teach our children that knowledge is out of their reach, or not worth searching for. It might be true that a creator lit the spark of existence, but we can't know for sure. Does that mean we should stop expanding our knowledge and searching for an answer? Of course not!

As Richard Dawkins once said, "Science flings open the narrow window through which we are accustomed to viewing the spectrum of possibilities. We are liberated by calculation and reason to visit regions of possibility that had once seemed out of bounds or inhabited by dragons."

*Emily Farnsworth and David Kondner are juniors.*

## Antiquated Stereotypes of Male Dancers are Unfair and Unfounded

By EMILY LITTLE

Stereotyping is the most predominant and hard to recognize form of bullying in today's society. A stereotype is passed off as a fact of life, or sometimes even as a compliment, but I beg to differ on the grounds that stereotypes ruin how individuals perceive themselves and others.

To lump certain people into a stereotype based on their looks or habits robs them of their individuality. Fraternities and soror-

ities, businessmen, golfers, lifeguards: there is a stereotype for every profession, field of interest or hobby. Ballet, like any of the arts, has strong stereotypes attached. As a ballet dancer myself, I know this first-hand. Perhaps outsiders are simply misinformed about or jealous of the ballet world. They probably do

not see the hours of work and gallons of sweat that go into a ballet production. But whatever the reason may be, there is an unfair stereotype that has haunted ballet dancers throughout modern years; that of the male ballet dancer.

I know you are thinking it right now! Go around Seacobeck any day and ask random people what they think of male ballet dancers. I guarantee the words you'll hear most are

tights, gay and tutus. The promise makes no sense that the line of thought goes from "male ballet dancer" to "gay" to "loser," sometimes even skipping the middle term, with such ease.

First, I take issue with the immediate connection from "male dancer" to "gay." Sure, there are gay ballet dancers. But there are also gay students, teachers and professional athletes. But does that mean all students, teachers and professional athletes are homosexual? Of course not.

The next link in the chain,

into an insult. Someone's sexual orientation doesn't determine their quality as a human any more than it determines what they should do. Women mow the lawn. Men dance ballet. As my economics professor would say, "Put that in your pipe and smoke it!"

Ballet is stereotyped as a woman's pastime, but that doesn't mean ballet doesn't need men. I, for one, couldn't imagine a production of "Swan Lake" without Prince Siegfried, "Romeo and Juliet" without Romeo or "The Nutcracker" without the Prince.

The stereotype that strikes deep at my bunhead heart is from "male dancer" straight to "loser." Ballet requires intense training and perseverance. The athleticism embodied by ballet dancers, male or female, is often lost among the glittery tutus and pink shoes, but trust me, you could drop in any ballet studio and hear the exact same grunts and puffing you're accustomed to hearing in the weight room.

So maybe it's the tights. Weird that anyone, especially a guy, would enjoy prancing about a stage in white tights, right? Consider the functionality. Why do skiers wear bodysuits, runners don short shorts or swimmers dress in bathing suits? "We seem to accept the fact that in athletics you can wear something that's tight-fitting and slenderizing, and efficient for movement," says Kansas City Ballet artistic director William Whitener in a 2007 article in "Dance Magazine," "why should this be different for dance?"

I challenge you, next time you automatically apply a stereotype to anyone, to step back and take a look at it. Where did it come from? Is it fair? Is it even correct? Maybe you will notice something new. Maybe you will seize the opportunity to step outside of society's "norms" for a moment.



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Male ballet dancers face harsh and unfair stereotypes throughout their careers.

which leads from "gay" to "loser," makes no sense whatsoever. Being a loser has nothing to do with sexual orientation. How did we come to use the term "gay" in a derogatory manner? It's not as if homosexuality is a shocking new development in the human condition. It's been around since the B.C. era.

However, there is a new and disturbing tendency to turn it

ent, and sad, stereotype is that male ballet dancers, or danseurs, are gay, sissy, airheaded, effeminate or a combination of all four.

Whether it's because they wear tights or because they spend their days flapping their arms like swans, danseurs have acquired a perceived status as homosexuals, this being synonymous with "losers." Why? It

ally, think the notes are fairly useless when you didn't hear the lecture yourself. On the other hand, this person could be very well acquainted with the concept of uselessness if they happen to be missing class in favor of

sleeping in or playing video games for the mere price of a college education.

## Students' Rude Behavior Disrupts The Lesson and Learning for All

There is nothing worse than having a class with that intolerable guy who can't keep his opinion to himself for two minutes. Or that one girl who chomps her gum so loudly that you would think there was a megaphone involved.

We have all faced these types of problems during our academic career. What makes this even more dreadful is that these manner issues occur within classrooms full of adults.

Last semester, I had a class that was particularly memorable thanks to one special guy. Unfortunately, I'm not referring to what I learned from the professor. Every single period, like clockwork, this one student would bring two meals from the nest to devour during the class session.

I am talking about meals like fried chicken, wings and pizza. I am not objecting to eating dinner with company, but I prefer it to be company of my choice, along with a table designed for dining

and napkins when necessary. This would certainly apply to situations that involve the consumption of foods like chicken wings.

However, I do have to appreciate that this student showed up

for class. As irritating as it was to see a chicken bone being gnawed on out of the corner of my eye, I have to give him credit for his impeccable attendance.

Let us also recognize that kid whose signature is never found on the attendance sheet, but who is always able to find you when they need the notes. I, person-

ally, think the notes are fairly useless when you didn't hear the lecture yourself. On the other hand, this person could be very well acquainted with the concept of uselessness if they happen to be missing class in favor of

sleeping in or playing video games for the mere price of a college education.

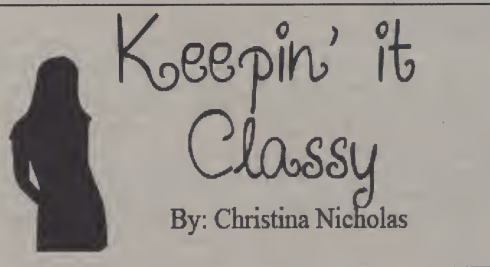
Despite my criticism of the previously mentioned offenses, I will be the first to admit that I am not perfect. I have been late to class, talked out of turn and, yes, I have had my cell-phone out during class. In reality, you

will most likely oversleep at least once in the semester, and be forced to walk in after the professor has begun their lecture. Also, there is no doubt in my mind that you will eventually forget to turn your phone on silent and have to endure the excruciatingly awkward 15 seconds of that goofy ringtone playing for all to hear.

The difference between these occasional happenings and the ones described in the beginning of this article are the intentions involved.

Miniscule distractions can be overlooked, such as when someone brings a sandwich or something subtle to nibble on occasionally. However, please do not make it known to the class what your top three favorites are from the Wow Café and Wingery.

No one wants to be the inspiration for a piece like this, so let's all show some respect to our professors and peers and act as we should in a college classroom.



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# Viewpoints

## DNC Declares Culture Wars

By MAX REINHARDT

During their Party's convention in Charlotte, N.C. last week, the Democrats eased the ebullience for a few moments to feature a few former Republican politicians in an effort to convince this election's fence-sitters that the Republican Party has been hijacked by the reactionary right.

Charlie Crist, whose senatorial aspirations in Florida were dashed by the GOP's Tea Party transformation, and Lincoln Chafee, who lost his Rhode Island Senate seat in the 2006 Democratic midterm massacre, joined together to denounce their former party's perceived extremism.

While the Republican platform's bluster deserves a few jeers, as I mentioned in last week's column, it pales in comparison to what took place in Charlotte last week. It seems the Democratic Party has moved to the far-left end of the bell curve on cultural issues.

For three nights in a row, left-wing culture warriors took turns defending President Barack Obama's extreme record on abortion. And yes, it is extreme. As an Illinois state senator, Obama voted four times against a bill that would have mandated life-saving care for infants born alive as a result of a botched abortion. He has also consis-

tently supported lifting the federal ban on the brutal practice of partial-birth abortion.

A populist politician like Obama should know that these positions are not in alignment with mainstream America. Only 25 percent of Americans, according to a recent Gallup poll, support allowing abortion in all cases. On the other end of the spectrum, only 22 percent are anti-abortion in all cases, except when the pregnancy is a threat to the mother's life.

This leaves an enormous middle ground on the issue of abortion and it is where most Americans place themselves. About 39 percent of Americans oppose legalized abortion with a few exceptions: most notably rape and incest.

From President Bill Clinton's coronation in 1992 until Obama's 2008 nomination, the party platform has cannily called for abortion to be "safe, legal and rare." This moderation was absent in Charlotte. Not a single speaker suggested that there should be any restrictions on the availability of abortion at any period during a woman's pregnancy, even though 71 percent of Americans oppose abortion in the second trimester, and 86 percent oppose it in the third.

Diversity of opinion seemed impossible to find at the Democratic convention. Not a single

anti-abortion Democrat was given a chance to speak, not even former house representative for Michigan, Bart Stupak, the congressman who feverishly worked to save Obamacare in the House.

Abortion wasn't the only culture war issue on the menu. The Obama administration's contraception mandate was repeatedly touted as well. This law mandates that all taxpayers subsidize healthcare plans that cover contraception. It also forces private employers to purchase plans that cover contraception for their employees, even if it violates their religious convictions.

In short, the federal government will force taxpayers and employers to pay for a product, even if they're morally opposed to it. This should be seen for what it is, a naked infringement on the American freedom of religion.

Sandra Fluke, the Georgetown law student made famous by Rush Limbaugh's noxious "slut" derisions, was anointed to defend the president's policy at the convention. However, her plea sounded petulant and entitled, and it is not hard to see why.

Fluke, who is set to graduate from Georgetown with an estimated starting salary of \$160,000, is demanding that taxpayers pony up for a product that



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The vote of women, like those seen here supporting the DNC, is crucial in November's election.

is already cheap and easily available. A generic version of the pill is available at Wal-Mart for \$9. A year's supply of condoms is available on Amazon.com for less than \$100. Both products are given out for free at Planned Parenthood clinics. The demand for free contraception by a future one-percenter, and from current one-percenters, like Kathleen Sebelius, is woefully out-of-touch and narcissistic.

So why are the Democrats so eager to drag sticky social issues into the presidential election?

The answer is obvious: Obama needs to divert attention away from his anemic economic recovery, the pitiful job numbers in August and that he's added \$6 trillion to the national debt.

Charlotte's culture warriors fatuously tried to paint Mitt Romney as an anti-abortion extremist, but they are ignoring the facts. The Republican nominee is of the 39 percent of Americans that supports allowing abortion in certain cases. A Romney administration would not usher in an era where "pregnant women

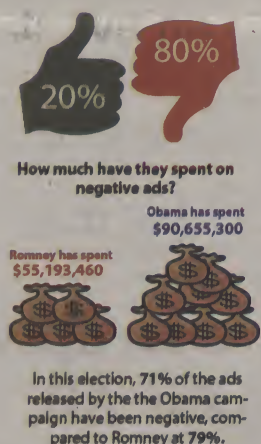
would be forced to die preventable deaths in our emergency rooms," as Sandra Fluke asserted in her speech.

A Romney administration would also not control access to contraceptives, it would return to the status quo where people purchased their own. Even before the mandate, contraception was cheap and conveniently available.

So, if Romney sits on top of the cultural bell curve and Obama hangs off the left end, who's the real extremist?

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## Citizens' Apathy Yields No Change

By JAMES MOORE

According to a report by the United States census, in the 2008 general election, 64 percent of voting-age citizens voted. This may come across as surprising. After all, that means that 36 percent of the potential voting population is not voting. Are people in the United States really that lazy, or are they just apathetic? It is hard to understand initially. What reasonable excuse can people possibly have for not voting?

What may come across as even more disturbing is the fact that only about 52 percent of young people, ages 18 to 24, participated in the 2008 election, and that was an increase compared to some past elections. This means that nearly half of our peers chose not to vote. Every other

ply paranoid. However, the Website, Politifact.com, analyzes political leaders' statements and conducts research on said statements to determine their legitimacy.

The fact that this website even has to exist strikes me as a problem. Politifact rates only 23 percent of statements made by President Barack Obama as "true." His current opponent Mitt Romney rates even worse, at just 17 percent of his statements rated as "true." For both candidates, a higher percentage of their statements are rated as "half-true," which I consider to be even more disturbing than outright lies. Statements rated

*"There is a significant lack of trust between the government and its citizens."*

-James Moore

"half-true" are often accurate statistics or facts delivered in a way that is glaringly out of context. This can give the uninformed listener a completely inaccurate view on the subject. But, the statements are still not entirely false, right?

When people realize that someone has lied to them, they begin to think that the liar must not have a great deal of respect for them. If our leaders cannot convince the public to vote for them on the basis of pure fact, then they probably should not be in elected office at all. When both sides lie, apparently a large percentage of disgruntled people in this country simply refuse to support either side. By simply not participating in the voting process, they make a major difference.

Do you trust our leaders? It may not seem like an easy thing to do after reading this article. However, if you want to change how you feel about the government, refusing to participate in the democratic process will do absolutely nothing. Even though every political election may seem like choosing between the lesser of two evils, the only way to make things change for the better is to vote.

## Candidates Shoot at Each Other, Lose the Vote

By MARIAH YOUNG and JONATHAN POLSON

Ads, conventions, campaign tour visits; every four years, the presidential election seems like a never-ending event. Your television starts to function as a monotone loop of political buzz words, and your basic Internet sources become destinations for the faces that want your vote.

Pandora and Spotify play political ads in between your favorite songs, and not even a half-hour sitcom can be watched without an attack ad interrupting laughs. Welcome to the election season!

Ever since this election's Republican candidates began throwing their hats into the ring, this election has become the centerpiece of American culture. The candidates have become celebrities, and the details and events of campaigns have remained top news around the country, even through the great split of Katie Holmes and Tom Cruise.

With the expansion of social media in the past four years, candidates of this election have been given the ability to reach more eyes and ears than ever before. Even those who attempt to turn a blind eye to the political

mud-slinging have found themselves being force fed platforms and opinions, left and right.

Both sides have taken advantage of this, narrowing in on convincing those elusive fence sitters to hop on over to their side. These attempts have consisted of accusatory statements, playground fighting and countless attack ads.

Instead of concentrating on the American people, and what is best for the country, both the Republicans and Democrats have chosen to practice their finger-pointing.

The closer we get to the election, the more we hear from each Party, informing us of why the other is not functional enough to serve in the White House.

Rather than clarifying their own stances and beliefs, each side attacks the platform of the other. Any opportunities to insult the words and actions of the opposite party are grabbed.

Every situation that makes major media headlines becomes a chance to bash the other side's policies, views and statements.

The recent incident in Benghazi, Libya, which resulted in the loss of U.S. Ambassador to Libya, Christopher Stevens, became a moment of hostility between the two parties.

According to CNN, the U.S. Embassy in Cairo released a statement Tuesday morning condemning "efforts by misguided individuals to hurt the religious feelings of Muslims." CNN later reported that the U.S. ambassador to Egypt never signed off on this statement.

However, just a few hours after the statement's release, the Romney campaign put out a statement taking aim at the Obama administration.

CNN reported Mitt Romney stating, "I'm outraged by the attacks on American diplomatic missions in Libya and Egypt and by the death of an American consulate worker in Benghazi. It's disgraceful that the Obama administration's first response was not to condemn attacks on our diplomatic missions, but to sympathize with those who waged the attacks."

The same night, the Obama administration replied to the comment from Romney's camp stating, "We are shocked that, at a time when the United States of America is confronting the tragic death of one of our diplomatic officers in Libya, Gov. Romney would choose to launch a political attack."

This playground warfare and back and forth accusatory state-

ments show how out of touch each side seems to be with those who they are trying to receive support from.

Each side is focusing on having the last one to laugh, and being the first to make it to the finish line.

Political campaigns have always been dirty, but the amount of mud each side slings continues to increase as we grow closer to the election. The political ads we see on television, hear on the radio and read online do not solely exist to support a party, but also to bash the other.

These comments and ads do nothing but distract the people from deciding which candidate would be best for us, the voting public. Advertisements full of blasting and criticism do not inform the public of the candidates' platforms, but rather make them appear to be nothing more than opponents climbing over each other to see who can reach the top first.

After the tragic shooting in Aurora this past July, Democratic strategist, Paul Begala, put it perfectly in a CNN interview when he stated, "No decent person hears about a mass murder and thinks immediately of politics."



# Style

## 'Be a Kid Night' Packs in Fun

By CAROLINE FORD

After taking the last two weeks to readjust to 8 a.m. classes, homework and a never-ending stack of syllabi, Friday's "Be a Kid Night" brought some much-needed stress relief. Hosted by the University Programming Committee (UPC), the night was full of popular childhood activities, such as funnel cake, glitter tattoos and spin art.

The night started at eight p.m. with live entertainment on the Lee Hall patio. Student-formed band "Save the Arcadian," whose name is derived from an episode of the popular TV show, "How I Met Your Mother," led the night with songs they wrote themselves including "Pink" and

"Ride." They had the crowd dancing from the first song and managed to keep the crowd dancing and singing even when the speakers temporarily lost power.

Band members Will McCarty, a junior English major, and Sam Rodgers, a senior visual arts and communications major, have been friends since high school. They were playing outside of Trinkle Hall the "fateful" afternoon when they attracted the attention of fellow band member, Russell Michaelson. Soon after, Jacob Dellinger, a recently graduated English major with a focus on Creative Writ-

ing, joined the band. Their newest member is their drum-

teams and try to answer questions as fast as they can to earn the most points.

After two competitive rounds of play, the top four contestants were brought on stage for the final questions and a chance to win a \$200

*It's always a fun crowd  
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play at.*  
- John Taglieri

mer, Bryan Scott James Chase, a sophomore studying Environmental Geology.

By nine p.m., musician John Taglieri had taken the stage. "The Human Jukebox" has a "photographic memory for music" and has a mental repertoire of thousands of songs. This was his seventh time performing at The University of Mary Washington.

When asked why he always comes back, Taglieri said "It's always a fun crowd and a wonderful place to play at." Taglieri has been playing music since he was five, and is now accomplished in eight instruments.

Meanwhile, the Underground had been transformed into the location for "Thinkfast!", a fast-paced game-show-style setting where contestants break into

cash prize.

After correctly identifying the "Jaws" theme song, sophomore Sam Relkin walked away a winner. When asked how Relkin knew so much trivia, he simply replied he "watches a lot of Jeopardy."

Relkin plans to split the money with his friend and take the rest to McDonald's.

Steady crowds flowed in and out of Lee Hall all evening, enjoying the chance to relax and grab some grilled food, ice cream floats and funnel cake. Inside Lee, students lined up for glitter tattoos, balloon animals and sand art. Outside the Underground, the lines were even longer for spin-art t-shirts and frisbees.

Overall, the night was a complete success, and it was estimated that over 1,000 students came to the event.



Image courtesy of Karmel James.

Students had a blast at "Be a Kid Night."

## 'New Normal' is Uncomfortable

By NANCY BELLE

Nothing feels worse than waiting all summer for a new, highly expected sitcom only to watch the first episode and realize that you had already seen all the funny parts in the commercials that aired throughout the summer. This is the feeling you may experience if you choose to watch NBC's new sitcom, "The New Normal."

While most of creator Ryan Murphy's shows start to go downhill after season one, "The New Normal," only takes about 90 seconds to go from being brilliant to horrendous.

If you think the idea of two gay men and a baby sounds familiar, a la "Modern Family," you are right.

Instead of everyone getting along and being excited for the couple, however, not everyone on "The New Normal" likes the idea of two men raising a child. This causes the show to be more awkward than funny at times.

The pilot episode tells the story of how the couple, Bryan and David, meet Goldie, played by Georgia King, their eventual surrogate, after deciding that they want a baby.

Goldie has just impulsively moved to Los Angeles after finding her husband cheating on her with another woman.

She wants to change the life of her daughter, Shania, played

by Bebe Wood, and decides that becoming a surrogate may be the way to do it.

As great as this may sound, the show is full of issues.

For one, it is fully of stereotypes; the biggest of which is the gay couple.

Andrew Rannells of Broadway's "The Book of Mormon" plays Bryan, who is every bit the stereotypical overly flamboyant gay man. His boyfriend David, played

by Justin Bartha of "The Hangover," is a beer drinking, football-watching guy who just happens to have a boyfriend.

The characters that are not stereotypes are, for the most part, just good for a few awkward one liners.

Goldie's "Nana," who is played by Ellen Barkin, is one of these. Early in the show, Shania proclaims, "Nana, you're a big-



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"The New Normal" is an awkward "Modern Family."

got!" which basically sums up Barkin's rather offensive character.

Rocky, played by Nene Leakes of "The Real Housewives of Atlanta," is the same, except for basically being the "sassy black assistant."

Although marketed as a comedy, most of the laughs come from lines that were featured in the show's commercials, shown

heavily throughout NBC's Olympics telecast this past summer. Things that are supposed to make you laugh tend to make you cringe instead, due to their unusually homophobic or racist nature.

If you want to watch a show about two men with a child, just skip "The New Normal" and watch "Modern Family" instead.

## Is 'Animal Practice' the New 'House'?

By CHELSEA FULLER

NBC's newest show, "Animal Practice," reeled in viewers with promises of a good laugh and literal monkey business, but do they measure up?

The show takes place mainly in Crane Animal Hospital, though it seems some antics will be shown throughout recognizable sections of New York City. Lead veterinarian and protagonist, George Coleman, played by Justin Kirk, is introduced first.

Though Coleman seems to be a self-righteous womanizer, viewers quickly learn that his cynicism is tolerated due to his extensive knowledge as a vet. Echoes of "House," anyone?

Two other veterinarians on the scene are Dr. Yamamoto and Dr. Doug Jackson. Dr. Yamamoto, played by the well-known actor Bobby Lee, seems to be the show's designated pushover, almost enjoying his role as shameless toady, bowing down to authority at every opportunity.

Dr. Jackson, on the other hand, assumes the role of wingman to Coleman, though Jackson seems to be more focused on getting his ex-girlfriend back than on his job.

Chaos sets the tone of Crane Animal Hospital. The place is over-run with pets running free,

owners are crammed into a small waiting area and nurses are constantly scrabbling to maintain some kind of order. Dorothy Crane, however, is the balm to this turmoil.

Crane has recently inherited the hospital from her grandmother and is ready to give the place a total facelift, starting with how things are run. Through tension-filled conversation, lightened with the occasional awkward comment, viewers learn that Coleman and Crane were formerly "an item." The episode goes on to provide a stage for the power struggle between Coleman and Crane, alluding to previous relationship troubles.

The entire show is laced with backhanded cracks, sexual innuendo and the occasional bit of lowbrow, slapstick humor. With a monkey running through hallways dressed as a doctor, it's hard to not at least get one laugh out of the half-hour show.

Though "Animal Practice" has high standards to live up to in sharing a network with 30 Rock and its blatant mimicry of "House," it does have all the components to make a good show. Hopefully, the rest of the season will allow the show the room it needs to showcase its positive attributes.

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## UMW Person of Interest: Daniel Carroll

By RIVES KUHAR

Walking down campus walk, students might not look twice at the passerby. What we don't see are the stories behind each face.

Passing Daniel Carroll on campus walk two years ago, you might not have noticed his army t-shirt and dog tags. However, today, what makes Carroll unique is that through trial and error, he found his path.

Raised by a father in the Air Force, Carroll learned to appreciate the military. Carroll's grandfathers', great uncle and brother's service in the military remained a reminder of duty.

It wasn't surprising when as a sophomore, Carroll partici-

pated in the Army ROTC program at UMW, which is offered as an affiliate of the George Mason University Army ROTC Patriot Battalion.

"It has always been in the back of my mind. I know this is what I want to do, at the same time, sacrifices that people make, well, you don't fully understand them until you consider taking them on yourself," Carroll said.

However, between traveling back and forth to George Mason along with classes and a busy UMW track season, time and money ran out. Though becoming an army officer was what he wanted to do as a carrier, Carroll

felt the fire behind his idea slowly dimming.

"...When I officially pulled the plug on [ROTC], it was kind of one of those things where I knew I needed to do it if I wanted to focus on my schoolwork," Carroll said.

While knowing that the ROTC program wasn't right for him, Carroll couldn't sit around and wait while men and women sacrificed their lives everyday.

During the summer, Carroll talked with his family and recruiters, and learned that he could have a normal life and still be a part of the Army National Guard.

After scoring high on the

Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB), a timed multi-aptitude test, Carroll had a lot of options. Ultimately, 19 Calvary sparked his interest.

"I've made up my mind, this is what I want to do," Carroll said.

Basic training will start next summer, where Carroll will continue to learn how to be a soldier. However, Carroll sees himself as an ordinary student.

"I always joke with my friends, every little boy says [they] want to be an army man, fire man, a police man, but I guess I never grew out of that," Carroll said. "It's something that I've always wanted to do."



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Carroll is part of the Army National Guard.



# Style

## Tom Cruise Makes 'Rock of Ages' Worth the Watch

By **NANCY BELLE**

While some movies are just bad, others are so bad that they are good. "Rock of Ages" is the latest that fits in this category, thanks, in part, to the always strange Tom Cruise.

Set in the 1980's, the era of big hair, power ballads and heavy metal, "Rock of Ages" tells the story of Drew and Sherrie. Drew, played by Diego Boneta, is a wannabe rock star who works at The Bourbon Room, a club in L.A., and Sherrie, played by Julianne Hough, is the new girl in town, fresh off the bus from Kansas with dreams of becoming a star. Sherrie meets Drew and is hired to work at The Bourbon Room.

From there, the plot plays out as it does in many movies: boy meets girl, they fall for each other, something happens which tears them apart and, well, you know the rest.

Unlike most movies, their story is told partially in song, using some of the biggest metal and rock hits of the decades with some of the biggest names in entertainment singing them.

The movie is not the same as the Broadway musical upon which it is based.

Still playing on Broadway at the Helen Hayes Theatre, it is known as much for its seat side drink service as it is for its audience participation, both of which are missing from the movie, obviously.

The story has also been toned down a bit, much like the 2007 movie version of "Hairspray,"

which was coincidentally also directed and choreographed by Adam Shankman.

Causing some of the tension in Sherrie and Drew's relationship is Stacie Jaxx, the lead

singer of the band, Arsenal, played by a shirtless and tattooed Tom Cruise. The band is

supposed to play its final gig at the club.

Jaxx is somewhat of a nightmare to deal with, almost constantly drunk and wanting endless amounts of sex. Cruise somehow plays the character well, even if it is a little bit creepy how much he looks like his real-life daughter, Suri, with his long hair in the film.

With a soundtrack of 80's hits, ranging from Guns N' Roses' "Paradise City" to Journey's ubiquitous "Don't Stop Believing," the music works well, rather than against, the story, helping to advance the plot more often than not.

The movie has a few standout performances, such as Alec Baldwin as Dennis Dupree, the owner of The Bourbon Room, and Russell Brand as Lonny Barnett, Dennis' assistant.

Baldwin and Brand are not only funny, but they can sing. Their duet of REO Speedwagon's 1985 hit, "Can't Fight This Feeling," is hilarious and may be the best part of the entire 123-minute movie.

Other big names in the film include Paul Giamatti, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Mary J. Blige, Malin Akerman, Will Forte and Bryan Cranston, some of whom get to show off their singing talent, or lack thereof.

All in all, the movie will further solidify the fact that Tom Cruise is the strangest thing in Hollywood.



Image courtesy of www.celebitchy.com

Tom Cruise is weird, yet wonderful, as Stacie Jaxx in "Rock of Ages."

## Local Artists Make Colorful Splash for First Fridays

By **UPMA KAPOOR**

Devotees to art: know that your fix is not limited to the duPont and Ridderhoff Martin Galleries on campus, but sprawls down Caroline Street every First Friday, a downtown tradition local to Fredericksburg and free for the community.

As the name suggests, every First Friday gives special focus to the local artists and culture that, surprisingly, goes unnoticed.

From six p.m. to nine p.m., shops, galleries and restaurants, adopt an open door, open house policy toward the public, inviting everyone to participate in the evening and observe the array of art the city has to offer.

No two galleries are the same. LibertyTown Arts Workshop, the first gallery I went to that evening, offers a wide range of art forms, ranging from paintings and printmaking to pottery.

Studios are also a unique aspect of LibertyTown. There are two floors of booths for individual artists and their creations. The artists are commonly found in their booths, chatting with visitors and sharing work for sale.

Upon stepping in and observing one of these booths, I met Deborah Booth, a watercolor artist who is also experienced in other mediums.

When asked what made First Fridays unique from other art exhibitions, she said that it is "an opportunity to meet the people and connect."

The opportunities and perks of First Fridays are limitless.

Virginia Wine Experi-

ence, a wine shop downtown, offers an exhibition catered to the local community, featuring three floors of various paintings of the Rappahannock River.

Virginia Wine Experience, though dimly lit, provides an interesting, intimate interaction with the art because of the taste-testing opportunities it offers gallery-dwellers.

Ponshop, a gallery familiar to the University of Mary Washington community, is well reputed for its ceramics, graphic design and contemporary art pieces.

While it may be one of the smallest galleries downtown, it remains distinguished with its incredible assortment of art compositions accommodating to the size of the shop.

Ponshop also offers internships for UMW students and a variety of classes catering to the Fredericksburg community.

This art scene is a less than 10-minute walk away from campus, so do take advantage of it and turn your Friday night into an enticingly educational and enjoyable experience that is also free.

There are over 12 establishments that participate in First Fridays. Frankly, you will need more than one Friday evening to get through them all.



image courtesy of ponshopstudio.blogspot.com.

Opening night for Ponshop.

## New 'Mario Bros.' is a Goldmine

By **JAMES DAWSON**

When "New Super Mario Bros." was released on the DS in 2006, it was unique in that it was the first original 2D Mario title since "Super Mario World 2: Yoshi's Island" was released for the SNES in 1995. Fast forward six years with the release of "New Super Mario Bros. 2" for the Nintendo 3DS and that is no longer the case.

The New Super Mario Bros. series has become quite popular. According to Nintendo, it has sold nearly 55.35 million copies as of March 2012 between the DS and Wii titles worldwide.

With such a successful series, it is no surprise that "New Super Mario Bros. 2" stays so close to

convention.

However, what it lacks in innovation, it makes up for by providing a polished experience that can only be had with a Mario title.

Like its predecessors, "New Super Mario Bros. 2" follows Mario as he journeys through six worlds to, yet again, save Princess Peach from the clutches of Bowser.

This time around, though, Peach takes a backseat to items that have long served little purpose in the series: coins.

Coins are scattered in huge quantities throughout the levels, and the objective of the game is to collect as many as possible until you can reach the one mil-

lion coin goal. Unless you don't have a lot of time on your hands, you will want to take advantage of the game's new "Coin Rush" mode to meet this goal.

"Coin Rush" consists of three randomly picked stages in which you race the clock to get to the end, collecting coins as you go.

The coin payout is significantly higher in "Coin Rush" than it is in the main game.

The mode also provides a high score mechanic that allows you to compete with friends and compare scores through "Street-Pass."

With the gimmick aside, however, "New Super Mario Bros. 2" offers little new to the series. Apart from two new

power-ups that share similarities to ones in previous titles and a few new enemies, the game would not be much different if it was simply a level pack for the Wii or DS game.

That said, it still has the tight platforming action that gamers have come to expect from the Mario series, as well as the impressive level design. Because of this, it is difficult not to recommend to Mario fans, though some may be disappointed with its similarity to past titles.

With the upcoming release of the Wii U and "New Super Mario Bros. U," some people may be happier simply waiting a few months to get their Mario fix.



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Players focus on gathering coins rather than saving Princess Peach in the new game.

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## Additional Parking on Campus for Students

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lot through the use of a special-use permit.

In the special-use permit application to the City Council, the University stated, "Approximately 50 spaces will be lost to the construction of the new Campus Center. This development will provide 47 new spaces with an attainable 15 percent of open space."

Special-use permits are required when building projects may have an impact on other land uses within a specified location. UMW properties are zoned "C-T," which allows UMW to construct a parking lot under the zoning ordinance.

Hannah Laughlin, a senior at

UMW, has a car on campus.

"With my parking pass, I'm only able to park in two different lots and it would be nice if there

*"Construction on campus creates challenges with access and parking."*

- Erma Baker

would be more places to park," said Laughlin. "I know there are a lot of commuters that park in the lot on Thorton and they need more parking spots over there." Sisters Krissy and Diana Pis-

tochini live off-campus and drive to school each day.

"It is extremely difficult unless I get there early in the morning," said Diana Pistochini.

Krissy Pistochini echoed her sister's complaints. "Yes, it's hard to find spots, particularly from about 9 a.m. until 3 or 3:30 p.m. 8 a.m. and evening classes are easier times to find spots," said Krissy Pistochini.

In addition to an increase in open space, the special-permit parking lot will potentially direct traffic off the main street and will alleviate the parking congestion on College Avenue.

The University hopes to have the lot completed by spring 2013.

## Internet Addicition Rising Among Students

### By JAMES LUPIA

The advent of the Internet has caused psychologists to notice trends between excessive web use and issues at home, school and work. It has been linked to the deterioration of family units and marriages, has caused students to fail out of college and has led to problems in the workplace.

Internet addiction disorder (IAD) is the term used to describe excessive, uncontrollable use of the Internet, according to clinicalpsychology.net. The study of IAD is an emerging field that has not been fully explored by psychologists.

A 2010 study by the Addiction Medicine Centre in Beijing writes that IAD is a behavioral addiction which is an "impulse-control [disorder] and share many underlying similarities to substance addictions, including aspects of tolerance, withdrawal, repeated unsuccessful attempts to cut back or quit and impairment in everyday life functioning."

Kimberly Young, author of "Internet Addiction: The Emergence of a New Clinical Disorder," compares IAD to problems such as eating disorders, compulsive gambling and alcoholism.

The Addiction Medicine

Centre places IAD into three categories: excessive gaming, sexual preoccupations and e-mail/text-messaging.

Excessive Internet use by college students was documented early on in the examination of IAD.

A 1996 study done on IAD by Young found that, "although the merits of the Internet make it an ideal research tool, students experienced significant academic problems as they surf irrelevant web sites, engage in chat room gossip, converse with Internet pen-pals and play interactive games at the cost of productive activity. They were often unable to control their Internet use, which eventually resulted in poor grades, academic probation and even expulsion from the university," Young wrote.

Sophomore psychology major Judy Antonowicz comments on Internet use among her peers.

"Everyone turns to their computer for pretty much everything, rather than a book, so they are always on [the Internet]," said Antonowicz.

There is, however, dispute among psychologists as to the veracity of IAD.

Tori DeAngelis, author of the article, "Is Internet Addiction

Real?," writes that, "many psychologists even doubt that addiction is the right term to describe what happens to people when they spend too much time online."

Christie Cons, a junior physics major, has some uncertainties about IAD.

"I can't relate because I'm never on my computer, but I think people get so distracted and it wastes a lot of time," said Cons. "It also depends what they are on their computer for."

Clinicalpsychology.net, which published the study, "How Clinical Psychology is Improving Our Understanding of Internet Addiction," writes, "There is a lack of empirical evidence to support its definition as an addiction."

The Addiction Medicine Centre supports the claim of IAD as an addiction, writing, "Our findings suggest that the proposed diagnostic criteria may be useful for the standardization of diagnostic criteria for IAD."

Clinicalpsychology.com writes that the most common form of treatment for Internet addiction is "cognitive-behavior therapy," which is often used to "treat impulse control disorders as well as substance abuse" and has been shown to be effective.

## White Comes to Rector Position with Practice

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chairperson of the BOV. Her responsibilities as rector include being the chair for the executive committee, running the meetings and being the official spokesperson for the BOV, according to Wilder.

According to the UMW by-laws, the rector is "charged with the duty of promoting a level of interest, involvement and activity among members...as will best contribute to the determination of proper policies, wise planning, intelligent and considerate observance of the rights of the faculty, administration staff, and student body [to] enhance the future welfare of the University."

Wilder said that White is very engaged with UMW through the alumni board.

"The main thing is that she is very passionate about the University of Mary Washington," said Wilder.

According to White, she had served on the alumni board for several years when they nominated her to serve on the BOV.

Student representative to the BOV, Jeremy Thompson, a senior history and political science double major, began working

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- Doug Wilder

with White at the end of the 2012 spring semester.

"It's always such an honor to work with her," said Thompson. "She is a great example for the board for what we want of our leaders."

White is also a judge in Baltimore, Md.

White has served the Maryland trial court as judge since February 2007. She also serves the circuit court for Baltimore City, according to White.

White also takes time out of her several duties to support her sports teams.

"I am a rabid Orioles fan and also expect to cheer the Ravens on to another winning season," said White.

There are 12 total members on the BOV, and each rector serves a two-year term, according to Wilder.

"By statute, six members have to be alumni," said Wilder.

The rector is a part of the executive committee, which is comprised of the vice rector, the secretary and two at-large members. Each of the officers serves a two-year term and the at-large members serve one-year terms each, according to Wilder.

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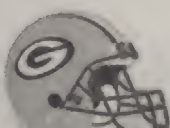
# Sports

## Expert Picks for Week Two

By WES HOST



**Chicago 17**  
**Green Bay 20**



Green Bay comes back with a vengeance after losing their opener to the 49ers. Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers and crew make corrections to defeat the injury plagued Bears in Lambeau Field. It's the 185th meeting between the teams, an NFL record.



**Kansas City 17**  
**Buffalo 16**



After a dominant game against the Jets (169 yards on 12 carries), Buffalo running back C.J. Spiller will run all over the Chiefs. Bills' quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick, will connect with Steve Johnson for airmail.



**Cincinnati 21**  
**Cleveland 25**



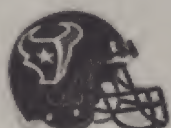
Despite their near win against Philadelphia, Cleveland will be unable to develop enough offense to defeat the Bengals in this battle for Ohio. "The Law Firm" BenJarvus Green-Ellis is a consistent rusher and handles the ball well; preventing fumbles and extra possessions for the Browns.



**New Orleans 17**  
**Carolina 28**



Cam Newton shines in the Panther's home opener. New Orleans continues to struggle finding their offensive footing and fails to get organized after off-season drama.



**Houston 30**  
**Jacksonville 10**



Congrats Blain Gabbert, you had a solid game against the Minnesota Vikings throwing for 260 yards. But unfortunately, a repeat performance just won't do against the Houston Texans.



**Washington 44**  
**St. Louis 10**



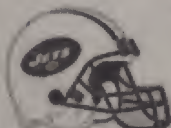
It's only been one game but after a dominant performance against the Saints, St. Louis simply doesn't have the personnel to compete. Even without Pierre Garcon, who is listed as probable, Griffin will have plenty of targets including Aldrick Robinson and Santana Moss.



**Dallas 20**  
**Seattle 3**



America's team clearly ate their Wheaties this summer. The Cowboys limited the Giants to just 187 pass yards and 82 rushing yards in the season opener. Power rusher DeMarco Murray, will establish the run game while receiver trio Kevin Ogletree, Dez Bryant and Miles Austin will keep the Seahawks secondary guessing.



**New York Jets 6**  
**Pittsburgh 14**



This game is going to come down to defense. The Steelers struggled against veteran/MVP/future hall of famer Peyton Manning, but neither Mark Sanchez nor Tim Tebow nor a combination of the two will be able to beat the Steelers defense. LaRon Landry and Darrelle Revis will match up nicely against Pittsburgh's wide outs.



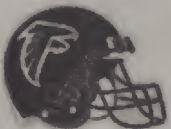
**Tennessee 14**  
**San Diego 21**



Phillip Rivers will have another solid game pinpointing receivers Malcolm Floyd and Robert Meachem in San Diego's pass first throw second mentality. The Titans who played both Jack Locker (age 24) and Matt Hasselbeck (age 36) have to establish a single quarterback to in order to have success the rest of this season.



**Denver 21**  
**Atlanta 24**



After defeating the Green Bay Packers in week one, the 49ers proved they can go deep this season. Frank Gore will lead San Francisco on the ground, while Michael Crabtree and Randy Moss will anchor make or break Alex Smith's performance.



**Detroit 35**  
**San Francisco 21**



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**Minnesota 17**  
**Indianapolis 10**



Andrew Luck will have a solid outing, but he will have to wait another week to get his first NFL win. Indy's defense will spoil their chances for a win by allowing too many runs from Percy Harvin and Adrian Peterson.



**Miami 10**  
**Oakland 20**



Oakland quarterback Carson Palmer has another average performance but his teammate Darren McFadden excels as both a rusher and receiver to rack up yards and fantasy points. The Raiders defense, who allowed only 32 rushing yards against the Chargers, looks to stop Reggie Bush in South Beach. Special teams also has to be consistent to be successful, they botched three punts last week.



**Arizona 24**  
**New England 20**



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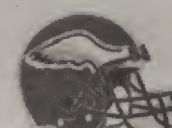
**Tampa Bay 10**  
**New York Giants 20**



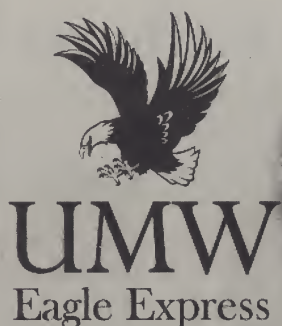
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**Baltimore 17**  
**Philadelphia 7**



Michael Vick had trouble against Cleveland's defense, throwing four interceptions. The Ravens, who are considered the NFL standard for defense won't give the Eagles any slack. Joe Flacco will prove he is one of the best players in the League throwing for over 300 yards while Ray Rice excels rushing and receiving.



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# Sports

## Women's Soccer Remains Undefeated

*Freshman Adrian Newcomb pins penalty kick, sophomore Charlotte Owens clutch in first college start*

By KEVIN BOILARD

The University of Mary Washington Women's Soccer team advanced to 3-0 last Saturday afternoon when they defeated Catholic University 2-0.

Last weekend, the Eagles came away with two wins over Bridgewater and Averett, where both matches were decided 5-4. With 18 total goals scored in the Eagles' first two games of the season, many expected another high-scoring affair on Saturday.

That was clearly not the case, as stellar defensive play defined the Eagles' 2-0 victory over Catholic.

The first half was a slow, back-and-forth battle. Each team would make a run at the net only to have it snuffed out by the opposing defense. The stifling defense made each subsequent failed run a bit more harrowing, as freshman forward Jessica Bednarcik explained after the game.

"It was definitely frustrating at first," Bednarcik said. "I kept on wanting to take the ball to the net, but it was difficult."

As Bednarcik's aggressive efforts on offense continued, the

Eagles defense worked hard to keep the game knotted at 0-0. UMW sophomore defender Ashley Stephens gracefully swept the ball away from the Cardinals' forwards, keeping any danger away from sophomore goalkeeper Charlotte Owens.

Both Owens and Catholic University's freshman Lexi Halperin played a flawless first half in the net, but it would ultimately be Stephens who stood out in the Eagles' victory.

The sun was already beaming down on the Battlegrounds complex for the game's 12:30 p.m. start, but things didn't really begin to heat up until the second half.

Only minutes into the second frame, Bednarcik handled the ball and made a speedy run to the net. With a step on her defender, Bednarcik was threatening to score, but a foul inside the box slowed her down and set up a penalty kick.

"I had been wanting to take my touch to goal the whole game," Bednarcik said. "When I finally got the chance, we got lucky and were given a P.K. opportunity."

The penalty kick was the Eagles' biggest scoring game, so they

*"The feeling was really incredible, but there's no way I could have done it without my defense."*

- Goalkeeper Charlotte Owens on her first collegiate shutout.



Junior Erin Reynolds dribbles the ball against Catholic University. Women's soccer is 5-0 and ranked seventh in the South Atlantic Regional Rankings.

knew it was essential to capitalize on the opportunity. The game's most important moment hinged on one kick from UMW freshman forward Adrian Newcomb.

Newcomb coolly stepped up to the ball and tucked it away in the bottom right corner, just out of the reach of Halperin's diving effort to save the shot. The play put the Eagles up 1-0 with almost an entire half of soccer to go.

"Nothing really changed after the first goal," Head Coach Corey Hewson said after the game. "Our strategy remained the same. We always know that we have to score just one more goal than our opponent."

The Eagles may have been up by a goal, but they weren't out of trouble yet. Catholic, who outshot the Eagles 14-5 throughout the game, had 10 shots in the

second half. UMW needed a huge performance from their net-minder, and that's exactly what they got.

Owens, who was making her first start of the season on Saturday, faced seven shots on net and saved each one of them. She appeared to be a solid fit in the net, considering the fact that the team gave up eight goals in their first two games of the season.

"Last week was opening weekend, and we were working through some injuries, especially in goal," Hewson said after the game. "We're looking much more solid in the backfield now, and the goalkeeper position is cleared up with Owens."

The defense was able to hold for the entire second half despite a flourish of offense from Catholic, and Bednarcik was able to put the game out of reach with a goal in the game's final minute. Shortly after Bednarcik's goal, the final whistle blew, signifying an impressive shutout victory for the Eagles.

"The feeling was really incredible," Owens said about her first collegiate shutout. "But there's no way I could have done it without my defense."

The Eagles rounded out the weekend with a 3-0 victory over Guilford on Sunday, bumping their overall record up to an undefeated 4-0 (0-0 CAC). The following day Bednarcik scored again against Guilford. Freshman Michelle Gibbons and sophomore Sydney Cook also had goals in the victory.

They kept their undefeated streak alive last night when they defeated Methodist College 2-1. Gibbons and Bednarcik scored again.

The Eagles bring their undefeated record into conference play as they take on Frostburg State University this weekend in Frostburg, Pa.

## Men's Soccer Falls to Messiah



Courtesy of Clint Offen

Eagles saw shots from sophomore Tommy Sangbouasy in the loss to Messiah.

By WES HOST

The University of Mary Washington men's soccer team was defeated for the first time this season when they lost to Messiah College. Messiah, ranked 17th for Division III schools, defeated the Eagles 4-1 in Mechanicsburg, Pa. on Saturday.

Messiah had control of the game from the beginning. The Falcons had ten shots at the 20-minute mark, many coming from corner kicks. UMW did their best to keep the ball out of the net.

Sophomore goalkeeper Tyler Back had three saves in the duration, more than he has had

all season. At the 24-minute mark, on another corner kick, the Falcons Brian Ramirez struck the ball over to the right side of the box, forward Jack Thompson fought for position and was able to put his head down on it. The Eagles were behind for the first time this season.

They adjusted and rested their spent starters. Senior Omar Ismail and sophomore Torre Swope came into the game. Despite the fresh legs, the Eagles weren't able to keep the ball from the Falcons. Shots kept being fired. Back handled the pressure well and added three saves to his total. It was evident

that the Eagles were becoming frustrated. They committed three fouls, one of which received a yellow card.

They got the ball and they started to attack, but were called offside twice.

The frustration continued to grow in the 44th minute. Back handled a Messiah advance and went to clear the ball. Messiah midfielder Tyler Rowe jumped to deflect his clearance. It bounced off of him and into the goal.

The Eagles went into the locker room down 2-0.

The Eagles showed resilience at the beginning of the second half. They responded to

all Messiah had given them and things finally began to click. Junior Nick Shepherd took the ball to the top corner of the box. He pinged the ball with his left foot and hit the left side of the goal. All of a sudden, the team had trimmed the deficit to just one.

Unfortunately, Messiah responded as well, a mere three minutes later. Messiah junior Sheldon Myer crossed from the right flank and sophomore Jeremy Payne was there to kick it into the left side of the goal.

The score was 3-1.

The Eagles, instead of getting frustrated, rose to the occasion. They battled Messiah in a physical second half. Shots came from junior Tommy Sangbouasy, senior Matt Alter and Ismail, all of which were off the mark.

The score remained the same for 35 minutes. UMW committed a foul just outside of the penalty box, resulting in a free kick. Mary Washington formed a human wall as Back barked out commands. Former Messiah goal scorer Jasck Thompson stepped up. He struck the ball with his right foot, it crossed the width of field and eventually found the net. The team had found their boiling point. They played out the remainder of the game. Shots from Nick Shepherd were blocked and called offsides twice.

The whistles blew and the team was in for a long trip back to Virginia. They took on Catholic University last night and were victorious with a score of 3-0. Shepherd scored once and freshman Patrick Kelly added two other goals. The win brings the team to a record of 4-1. The team continues their strong out-of-conference schedule as they go to New Jersey to take on Monclair State University this Saturday.

## CAC Athletes of the Week



Courtesy of Clint Offen

Senior Lisa Charney.

Mary Washington senior midfielder Lisa Charney was selected as the CAC Field Hockey Offensive Player of the Week.

Charney is the CAC Offensive Player of the Week after contributing six goals and an assist in four UMW wins, helping the Eagles to a 5-0 start for the season. Highlights included a hat trick against Roanoke, followed by two first-half goals and an assist on the game-winning score in the final two minutes of a 3-2 victory over 7th-ranked Lynchburg.



Courtesy of Clint Offen

Sophomore Charlotte Owens.

Mary Washington sophomore goalkeeper Charlotte Owens was selected as the CAC Defensive Player of the Week award after registering consecutive shutouts over the weekend against Catholic and Guilford to win the Eagles Classic. In over 160 minutes, Owens recorded 11 saves, including two point-blank range attempts in Saturday's first-round game vs. Catholic.

Courtesy of cacsports.com

**Athletic Events this weekend**  
Women's Soccer vs. Frostburg State

Men's Soccer at Montclair State

Volleyball at N.C. Wesleyan